REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of November 7th, 2005

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On November 8, 2005, Jermiah Busby was arrested in Rockford, Illinois by members of the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF). Busby was wanted by the Maywood Police Department for questioning in 6 separate homicides. During the past year, Busby allegedly participated in 6 murders all occurring within the city limits of Maywood, Illinois. Due to the ruthless nature of several of the murders, the Maywood Police Department classified Busby as a serial killer. In addition to the homicides, Busby was wanted for parole violation. Investigation conducted by GLRFTF personnel and Maywood Police detectives revealed that Busby was hiding in Rockford, Illinois. GLRFTF members conducted surveillance for several hours in the Rockford area. During the early evening hours on November 9, 2005, with the assistance of Maywood Police and Rockford Police officers, the GLRFTF apprehended Busby after a brief pursuit, in which he fled from a moving vehicle and ran through a river into a low income housing area. Busby was in possession of a semi-automatic pistol when he was arrested. An interview of Busby after the arrest revealed that he may have been involved an additional 7 shootings in the Chicago area. Busby has been charged for two of the murders and is still in questioning for the other four murders.



Jermiah Busby
Wanted for Murder
(Multiple Counts)

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

On November 5, 2005, the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF) arrested Mark Washington who was wanted by the Camden Police Department for attempted murder and weapons offenses. The attempted murder charge stems from an incident that took place on October 15, 2005 in which Washington shot a male victim once in the stomach during a drug related dispute on the street. The assistance of the NY/NJ RFTF was requested and during the course of the investigation it was determined that Washington may have been staying at a residence on Camden's East Side. On November 5, 2005, Task Force officers arrived at the target location and were able to gain entry to the residence. Washington was observed coming down the stairwell from the second floor and surrendered to investigators without incident. Washington was barefoot and instructed investigators that his shoes were in the closet. When investigators retrieved the subject's shoes, 164 "dime bags" of crack/cocaine were discovered inside. Washington was transported to the Camden City Police Department for processing on the above charges as well as charges of possession and possession with intent to distribute.



Mark Washington

Wanted for Attempted Murder and Weapons Offenses

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On November 15, 2005, members of the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF), in conjunction with the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG), arrested Julius Orlando Whiteside at a home in Marietta, Georgia. On September 15, 2005, it is alleged that Whiteside shot and killed a male victim in Columbus, Ohio. A warrant was issued the following day charging him with murder. On September 19, 2005, the Ohio Adult Parole Authority (OAPA) issued an additional arrest warrant for Whiteside charging him with parole violation from a previous robbery conviction. On October 17, 2005, the SERFTF was contacted and requested to assist in locating and arresting Whiteside. On November 14, 2005, with the assistance of a confidential source, SERFTF and TOG investigators were able to identify a possible location for Whiteside in Marietta, Georgia. The following day, SERFTF investigators established surveillance on the residence and after approximately two hours identified who they believed to be the fugitive as he walked to the mailbox. A short time later, SERFTF agents arrested Whiteside at the residence without incident. Whiteside has six prior arrests for weapons, narcotics, robbery, and resisting arrest.



Wanted for Murder

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

On August 26, 2005, Fairfax County (VA) Police responded to a reported bank robbery in Annandale, Virginia. A female entered the bank and announced the robbery and demanded money. After obtaining approximately \$1,500, she fled the bank to her getaway car which was occupied by a male driver. The female was quickly identified and arrested shortly after. The investigation revealed that Charles Underwood was the getaway driver in this bank robbery. Further investigation revealed that Underwood was involved in a total of 4 bank robberies in the Washington D.C. area. The Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force adopted the case on November 7, 2005. On November 8, 2005, Underwood was located in Manassas, Virginia, but fled at a high rate of speed and was able to avoid capture. Later that evening, Task Force officers located Underwood in Warrenton, Virginia. Underwood had discarded his original vehicle and was a passenger in a Chevy Suburban. As Task Force officers surrounded the Suburban, the driver attempted to flee but was unsuccessful. Underwood was taken into custody and is currently being held without bond on one count of bank robbery and one count of probation violation. He has also been identified as being involved in three other bank robberies in the Washington D.C. area.



Wanted for Bank Robbery